

NEWS.

DR. JULIA W. SNOW has been appointed instructor in botany in Rockford College, Illinois.

MR. FREDERICK O. GROVER has been promoted to the professorship of botany in Oberlin College.

DR. RODNEY H. TRUE has been appointed lecturer in botany at Harvard University during the absence of Dr. George L. Goodale next year.

PROFESSOR JOHN BRETLAND FARMER, of the Royal College of Science of London, has been selected by the Royal Society for election to membership.

THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION for the Advancement of Science, Art, and Education will hold its first assembly in connection with the Paris Exposition. In the long list of congresses, that of botany is announced for October 1 to 6.

MR. CHARLES E. SMITH, one of the prominent botanists of Philadelphia, died recently. By his will the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences receives his botanical library and herbarium, and one sixth of the estate, which is estimated at \$500,000.

TWO SETS of Bailey's *Cyclopedia of American Horticulture* are being cut up and pasted on sheets in the economic herbarium of the Department of Agriculture. This will give a working list of *desiderata* for the cultivated plants of the United States.

THE LAST *Bulletin of the New York Botanical Garden* (1: [no. 5] 295-449. pls. 10-12. 1900) contains the various reports for 1899. From them we learn that during the year the herbarium received accessions of specimens to the number of 70,000; and that over 4000 species and varieties of plants are under cultivation in the various plantations, 172 families and 1057 genera being represented.

DR. B. M. DUGGAR, of Cornell University, has received the appointment from the Smithsonian Institution, to the research table at the Stazione Zoologica, Naples, Italy, and has already entered upon his work there. He has been in Europe during the past year, has visited England, Sweden, Germany, and Italy, and has been studying at Leipzig and Halle until his departure from the latter place for Naples. He expects to return to Cornell University in July.

THE FIRST ISSUE of the *Popular Science Monthly*, that for June, under the editorial management of Dr. J. McKeen Cattell has appeared. It gives promise of a strong grasp upon a very important constituency, one which is eager to read about science and is in peculiar danger of being imposed upon by science "falsely so-called." The editor and the long list of men of science who have promised to support the journal are a guarantee that the standard will be very high, and that the contents may be depended upon. In this number Professor D. T. McDougal has given an interesting and well-illustrated account of The New York Botanical Garden, and several botanical reviews appear.

IN THE *Journal of Botany* for June (pp. 224-229) there is reproduced an overlooked paper by Rafinesque. It is not included in Dr. R. E. Call's account of the *Life and Writings of Rafinesque*, is not in the Royal Society's *Catalogue of Scientific Papers*, and several names in the paper are not to be found in the *Index Kewensis*. It was published in Loudon's *Gardeners' Magazine*, nineteen volumes of which appeared (1826-1843). The title of the paper is "Remarks on the Encyclopædia of Plants of Loudon, Lindley, and Sowerby," and the citation is Loudon's *Gard. Mag.* 8: 245-248. 1832. The comments are in the usual style of Rafinesque, very brief but very direct, and it will be a matter of interest, as Dr. James Britten suggests, to collate the names with the *Kew Index* and with American nomenclature. The paper closes with the characteristic statement that "Botany will never be permanently fixed until all errors are exploded and corrected."